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TRANSPORTATION OF WATER THROUGH RAILWAY TANKERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have made arrangements for water transportation throughthe railway tankers with a view to mitigate the potable water crisis in drought affected Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has also initiated various measures to mitigate the potable water crisis in rural areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the expenditure incurred in this regard so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. As per available information, Railways have so far moved about 43400 wagons carrying more than 8 lakh tonnes of water to the affected areas in Rajasthan.

Further, in addition to release of normal funds under the Accelerated Rural Water SupplyProgramme (ARWSP) implemented by Department of Drinking Water Supply, Rs. 12.00 crorehas been released to Rajasthan from 5% of allocation under that scheme to meet the contingencies arising out of drought.